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Ms. Ruth Colby
President and CEO
Silver Cross Hospital
1900 Silver Cross Blvd.
New Lenox, IL 60451

RE: HFSRB Project 18-018
Establishment of Open Heart Surgery Program

Dear Ruth:

This letter is being sent in response to Mary Bakken's letter to me with the caption "Notice of Establishment of Open Heart Surgery Category of Service".

In light of our introductory conversation late last year, during which we discussed areas of clinical collaboration and agreed that there was no need for a second open heart surgery program in the area, I was very surprised to learn that Silver Cross Hospital is now seeking a CON Permit to establish a program.

Consistent with our initial discussion, I believe that the establishment of a program at Silver Cross is not needed by the community, is an unnecessary duplication of services, and will have a significant negative impact on Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center and residents of Will County.

As you are certainly aware, Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center has the physical capacity to accommodate transferred patients from Silver Cross, as it has been for years; and I am not aware of any difficulties that have resulted from that arrangement.

Last, this letter is being copied to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board as an indication of Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center's opposition to the above referenced project.

Should you desire to do so, I would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Erickson
President

cc Courtney Avery
HFSRB